### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS MARSHALL DIVISION

ENTROPIC COMMUNICATIONS, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 2:22-cv-00125-JRG

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

PLAINTIFF ENTROPIC COMMUNICATIONS, LLC'S OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S MOTIONS IN LIMINE

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

Plaintiff Entropic Communications, LLC ("Entropic") respectfully files the following oppositions to Defendant Charter Communications, Inc.'s ("Charter") Motions *in Limine*.

#### II. ARGUMENT – OPPOSITIONS TO CHARTER'S MOTIONS IN LIMINE

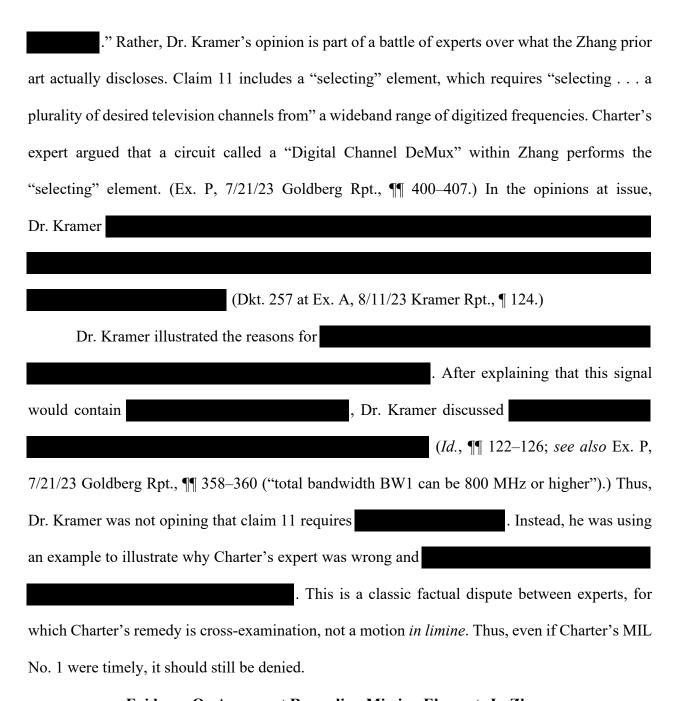
Charter MIL No. 1: "Preclude Evidence Or Argument That '362 Claim 11 Requires Or Is Limited To As Well As Evidence Or Argument Beyond The Scope Of Dr. Kramer's Rebuttal Report"

Charter's MIL No. 1 has two parts; both should be denied.

#### **Evidence Or Argument Regarding**

In part one, Charter asks the Court to "[p]reclude evidence or argument that '362 claim 11 " (Dkt. 257 at 1.) As an initial matter, Charter's requires or is limited to MIL No. 1 should be denied as an untimely motion to strike. Charter seeks to preclude Entropic's expert, Dr. Kramer, from testifying that it was for the technology disclosed in the Zhang prior art to " (*Id.* at 1.) But simultaneously, Charter admits that this exact analysis is part of Dr. Kramer's rebuttal expert report. (Id., admitting that these opinions are disclosed at "¶¶124–25" "of Dr. Kramer's rebuttal report.") Charter's MIL No. 1 is therefore a motion to strike masquerading as a motion in limine. Because the challenged opinions were included in Dr. Kramer's report, the proper avenue for Charter to address any concern with this opinion was therefore to move to strike it as part of its dispositive and Daubert motions. See, e.g., Seagen, Inc. v. Daiichi Sankyo Co., Ltd., No. 2:20-CV-00337-JRG, 2022 WL 2048206, at n.1 (E.D. Tex. Mar. 15, 2022) ("As a general matter, the Court noted that MILs should not be used as a back-door motion to strike expert opinions or *Daubert* motion."). Charter's failure to do so should result in immediate denial.

Further, Charter's MIL No. 1 attacks a strawman: neither Entropic nor Dr. Kramer is arguing, as Charter contends, that claim 11 of the '362 Patent "requires or is limited to



## **Evidence Or Argument Regarding Missing Elements In Zhang**

In part two of MIL No. 1, Charter seeks to "preclude Entropic from offering evidence, testimony, or argument beyond the scope of Dr. Kramer's rebuttal report—namely, including that "(Dkt. 257 at 2–3.) With respect

to Dr. Kramer, this sounds natural. But there is a trap. Charter's MIL No. 1 is not merely seeking to restrict what *Dr. Kramer* can say. Rather, Charter seeks to preclude *any* "evidence, testimony, or argument" by *anyone* on the "mixer" and "channels" issues beyond what Dr. Kramer said in his report. In other words, Charter is seeking to constrain Entropic's entire case—including cross examination of Charter's own experts and critiques of Charter's evidence.

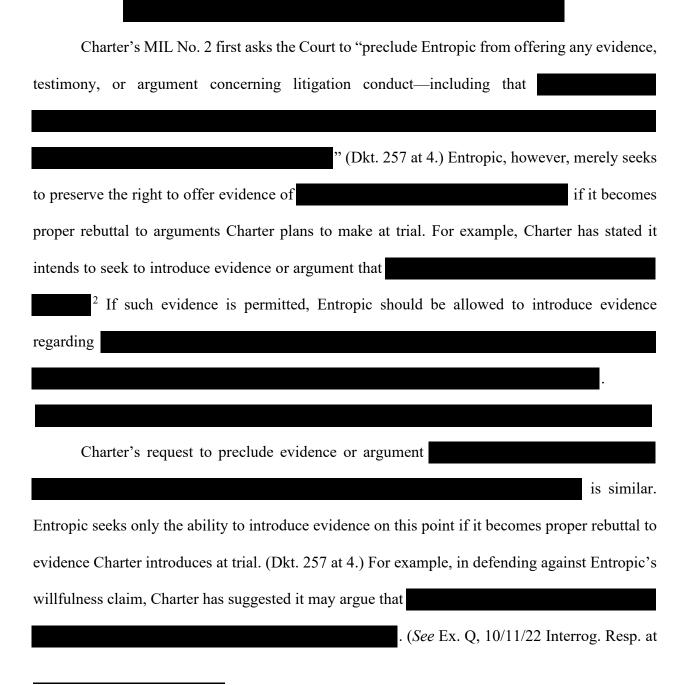
That sweeping request is improper. Charter has the "burden of proving the factual elements of invalidity by clear and convincing evidence." *Pfizer, Inc. v. Apotex, Inc.*, 480 F.3d 1348, 1359 (Fed. Cir. 2007). Entropic can offer "evidence" and "argument" that Charter did not meet its burden of showing that Zhang discloses "a 'mixer' or 'desired' and 'undesired' channels" that need not be the testimony of its own expert. For instance, Entropic can cross-examine *Charter's* expert about whether Zhang discloses a "mixer" or the claimed "channels." Charter cites no case, and Entropic is aware of none, holding that a party's cross-examination of an opposing expert is limited by the disclosures of that party's own expert reports—particularly on issues on which the cross-examining party does not bear the burden of proof. Further, Entropic can properly offer argument during closing statements about what that cross-examination revealed or what Charter's expert said on direct. Charter's MIL No. 1 misapplies the rules governing expert reports and should be denied.

# Charter MIL No. 2: "Preclude Evidence Or Argument Regarding Litigation Or Settlement Conduct"

Charter's MIL No. 2 should be denied because it prematurely seeks to preclude evidence or argument that is relevant to rebut evidence or argument that Charter may introduce at trial. In so doing, Charter improperly seeks to inoculate its own witnesses from cross-examination and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Dr. Kramer will, of course, comply with Court MIL No. 23, and the Court's rulings regarding his deposition testimony regarding these issues. (*E.g.*, Dkt. 167 at 9–10, Dkt. 196 at 12–14.)

impeachment. At a minimum, Entropic should be allowed to offer the evidence at issue if that evidence is relevant to address Charter's trial positions—including several positions Charter has already indicated an intent to take.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Entropic MIL No. 1 seeks to preclude Charter from introducing evidence or argument that . (Dkt. 258 at 1.) In a meet and confer, Charter indicated that it intended to offer such evidence if Entropic's MIL was not granted.

15–16; Dkt. 257 at 6–7.) If Charter is permitted to offer this evidence, the fact that

would be relevant rebuttal. To be clear, Entropic will not seek to introduce evidence or argument relating to the

. However, if Charter introduces evidence or argument that opens the door to a discussion regarding , Entropic should not be precluded from raising the issue.

#### III. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Court should deny Charter's motions in limine.

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